

REMARKS

The Examiners remarks have been carefully considered and the prior patents cited and applied have been carefully studied.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 19 and has re-written claims 2 and 20 without any intention as to acquiescing as to the pertinency of the prior patents but to more clearly define applicant's invention.

Claims 2 to 18 and 20 to 23 remain in this application.

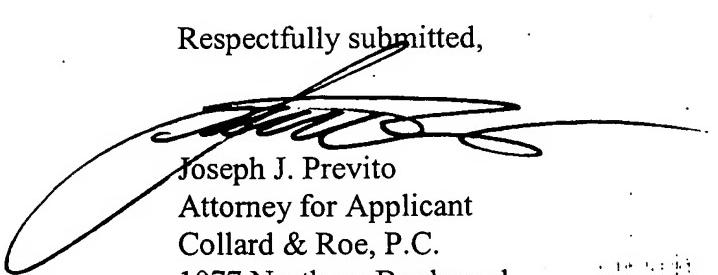
Claims 2 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations set forth in cancelled parent claims 1 to 19, respectively. The Examiner has indicated that if these claims were rewritten in independent form, these claims and all the claim dependent from these claims would be allowable. The claims have now been written in independent form. They are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by any of the prior patents cited by the Examiner either alone or in combination with each other. Hence, these claims are now allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

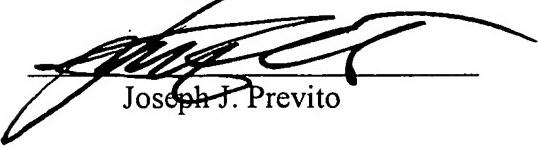
An allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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